CHAPTER NO. 374

SENATE BILL NO. 733

By Graves

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1599

By McDonald, Ronnie Davis, Sands, Shepard, Shaw, Hood, Towns, Winningham

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3110 and Section 49-1-104, relative to limitations on class size, instructional groupings and case loads in special education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) By no later than February 1, 2002, the state board of education, in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall establish class size standards and case load standards for instructional personnel and teachers having the primary responsibility for the development, implementation and updating of a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). In addition to case load requirements, these standards shall address class size in all classrooms that include students with disabilities and students eligible for special education services. These standards shall take effect in the 2002-2003 academic year.

SECTION 2. Implementation of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the funding being provided in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 4, 2001

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APPROVED this 12th day of June 2001